World Bank assistance for irrigation projects

4641. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world Bank has decided to provide assistance; for eight irrigation projects in India in the next four years; and

(b) if so, what have been the criterion for project Area selection and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) General criteria adopted by the World Bank for project area selection include:

(i) The State is the basic administrative unit for irrigation implementation and would be used as the institutional base for more projects.

(ii) Projects focussed on improving a specific aspects of sector performance! but with access to project funds by a number of states;

(iii) Consideration of very selective lending supporting regional development priorities; and

(iv) Consideration of projects supporting water resources planning and development on a river basin basis.

Constitution of International Water Management Commission

4642. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the! north Bihar rivers originate from the Himalayan in the Nepal region;

(b) whether it is a fact that these rivers got flooded almost every year;

(c) whether it is a fact all these are tributaries of the river Ganges;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the Water flows to the sea through Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, whether Government would constitute an International Water Management Commission in collaboration with these countries with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All major rivers of North Bihar are tributaries of Ganga. They originate in Himalayas and bring floods almost every year due to excessive rainfall in their catchment.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Several projects have been constructed and planned to harness the river waters by agreement between the concerned countries through existing Commissions.

Special component plan for Harijans and Tribal sub plans for Bihar

4643. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central funds have been provided for the special component plans for Harijans and also for the Tribal sub plans to the State of Bihar in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;'

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Government has not utilised the funds so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(e) what actiin Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed. *(See* below)

(e) Matter has been taken up with the State Government at the level of Chief Minister to ensure that funds are fully utilised. Welfare Ministry also proposes to introduce a system of incentives/disincentives with effect from the financial year 1993-94. The States which do not utilise funds in time in any financial year shall lose the amount of unspent balance out of their due share in the following year. This saving will go as an incentive to the States which do utilise these funds in full within the expected period of time.

Statement

Central funds provided for Special Component Plan for Harijans and Tribal Sub Plans for Bihar

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	SCP Funds released (under CA to SCP)	Funds utilised	TSP Funds released (under SCA) Released	Utilised	Funds released [under Proviso to Article 275(1)] Released	Utilised
1		3	4	5	6	7
1990-91	2246.01	1425.53	2931.72	1714.064	216.67	NR
1991-92	2197.38	1626.26	3211.19	NR	215.85	NR
1992-93	2096.54	Not reported	3175.25	NR	427.20	NR
1993-94 (As on date)	1238.21	Not reported	1726.01	NR	400.50	NR

N.R.=Not Reported

Amendmen in reservation clause

4644. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the provisions mentioned in Para 9.2(a) of the brochure of reservation (7th Edition) the promotions of officers cadre in several banks and public undertakings and financial institutions controlled by Central Government under various Ministries and departments are based on selection method and the reservation rules are not applicable thereby denying the promotions to SC/ST officers;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend this clause suitably to help the SC/ST officers in such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) In accordance with Para 9.2(a) contained in the Brochure on Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (7th Edition) and Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 36012/ 12/88-Estt. (SCT) dated 21-9-1988, there is no reservation in promotion by selection to posts within Group 'A' which carry an ultimate salary of Rs. 5700/- or less in the revised scale of pay. But the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes officers, who are senior enough in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select